

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/25/2006

To: Baltimore

Attn: NCAVC Coordinator

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SA [REDACTED]

From: CIRC [REDACTED]

Contact: SSA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 252B-IR-7586; (Pending)

Title: USUB;  
REY RIVERA - VICTIM;  
BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
05/24/06;  
NCAVC - SUSPICIOUS DEATH

Synopsis: LHM summary of analysis and consultation held by Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) personnel.

Details: On 08/15/2006, BAU conducted a telephone consultation regarding the suspicious death of Rey Rivera, date of birth 06/10/1973. Rivera fell to his death from an upper floor of the Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore, MD. His body was discovered by family members on 05/22/2006.

Baltimore Division's lead specifically requested BAU examine a letter left on Rivera's work desk and provide some possible meaning or connection it may have to his death. Documents enclosed for NCAVC's consideration included a copy of the letter, one copied page of a police report synthesizing the investigation and a copy of a criminal complaint filed against Rivera's employer by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. The autopsy report, crime scene photographs, police reports and media releases were not provided for this analysis.

BAU prepared the enclosed LHM based upon a review of the provided documents and discussions with the Baltimore Police Department. BAU considers Baltimore Division's lead covered.

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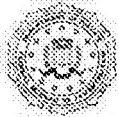
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The following analysis was prepared by Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU), National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) in consultation with other members of the BAU. It is based upon a review of case materials and other information submitted by investigators from the Baltimore City Police Department, Maryland (BPD).

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The observations, opinions, and suggestions contained herein are the result of the knowledge drawn from the personal investigative experience, educational background, specialized training, and research conducted by members of the BAU and others. This analysis is not a substitute for a thorough, well-planned investigation, and should not be considered all inclusive.

This analysis is based upon information provided to BAU at the time this report was prepared, and assumes that the information set forth is valid and complete. Should additional information or case materials become available at a later date, certain aspects of this analysis may be subject to modification or change.

#### Administrative

On August 15, 2006, NCAVC personnel conducted a telephone consultation regarding the suspicious death of Rey Rivera, date of birth June 10, 1973. FBI Baltimore and BPD requested that NCAVC personnel examine a letter left on Rivera's work desk and provide any possible meaning or connection it may have to his death. Documents provided to NCAVC for consideration on this case included a copy of the letter, a one page police report summarizing the investigation, and a copy of a criminal complaint filed against Rivera's employer by the

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United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The autopsy report, crime scene photographs, police reports and media releases were not provided for this analysis.

Participants in the telephonic consultation included the following:

**Baltimore City Police**  
Homicide Detective [REDACTED]

**FBI Baltimore**  
SA [REDACTED]

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**NCAVC**  
SSA [REDACTED] BAU II  
MCS [REDACTED] BAU II  
SSA [REDACTED] BAU II  
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SSA [REDACTED] (BATF), BAU II  
SSA [REDACTED] BAU II  
SSA [REDACTED] (BATF), BAU I

### Case Summary

On May 17, 2006, Rey Rivera was reported missing by his wife at 3:00 PM. Rivera was last seen at his home at approximately 5:30 PM on May 16, 2006 by a female houseguest. He was wearing a black and white puma jacket, pants and driving a black, 2001 Mitsubishi Montero, Maryland License Plate 495M048. Rivera was working on his computer, said "Oh Shit", and ran out his backdoor. Rivera's wife made several unsuccessful attempts to locate him in the area. She has been the primary source of information for BPD on this investigation.

On May 22, 2006, family members located the 2001 Mitsubishi Montero in a PMS parking lot adjacent to the Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. Rivera had apparently fell to his death and his body was discovered in a vacant area of the hotel. The only way to gain access to the upper floor of the hotel is by climbing a ladder. Rivera's body was found face-up and decomposed. The medical examiner listed Rivera's cause and manner of death as undetermined.

Rivera's wife gave police consent to search their home and his computer was collected as evidence. This computer has not been analyzed by forensic examiners to date.

Rivera's employer, [REDACTED] hired a private detective because of security concerns and sent other employees home after Rivera's disappearance [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] refused to answer questions about Rivera during his interview. BPD confirmed that Rivera was not a subject of the SEC's investigation. Rivera and [REDACTED] had been close friends in the past [REDACTED] prior to Rivera's death. [REDACTED] offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to Rivera's whereabouts during his disappearance.

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The letter provided to the NCAVC for analysis was found on Rivera's desk with other paperwork. It was contained in a document protector and had been reduced in size, most likely by a copy machine.

## **Victimology**

When assessing violent crimes, an in-depth study of the victim's personality traits, lifestyle choices and living environment can contribute to the offender's identification. The results of this study is typically referred to as "Victimology". Victimology is especially important in equivocal death cases. Factors that can effect Victimology include economic status, places frequented, criminal history, mental health history, drug/alcohol consumption history, and sexual habits. This data also provides predictive information concerning how the victim would react when confronted by a violent offender. Victims are typically characterized as low, moderate, or high risk based upon factors including those mentioned above.

Based upon the information provided by BPD, BAU assesses Rivera's personal risk to be **low**. The information provided by BPD during the consultation did not elevate Rivera's risk to be a victim of violent crime. It should be noted that victim risk level can change as additional investigative information becomes available.

Rivera was born in Puerto Rico, recently married his wife, and moved from California to Maryland. Rivera was developing a production company, coached water polo at the U.S. Naval Academy, and worked for [REDACTED] in an investment company. According to police interviews with family members, Rivera had no known physical or mental illness. Rivera made a comment in the presence of others that he believed the Church of Scientology ran the west coast film industry and the Masons ran the east coast film industry.

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BPD reported that Rivera's autopsy did not detect the presence of drugs in his system. His body was too decomposed to determine if he had recently ingested alcohol. Rivera's wife told police that he would not have committed suicide and they were making plans for the future. [REDACTED]  
Overall, Rivera and his wife seemed to be happy in their marriage.

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Rivera had recently borrowed \$15,000 to support his production company. He did not owe a large amount of money and appeared to be financially stable.

Rivera frequented the Belvedere Hotel with family and friends. Two bartenders at the hotel knew him, but did not see him the night of his disappearance.

According to BPD's investigation, there were no guns available in Rivera's residence.

## **Analysis**

BPD requested NCAVC's analysis of the letter found on Rivera's desk after his death. Rivera's death has not been confirmed to be a suicide, or homicide, and BPD is conducting an equivocal death investigation.

In providing the requested analysis, SSA [redacted] consulted with Navy [redacted] Forensic Psychiatry Fellow at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. [redacted] provided the basis for the psychological observations noted below. SSA [redacted] also reviewed three publications in forming this analysis:

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1. Durand, M.V and Barlow, D.H., *Essentials of Abnormal Psychology* (Pacific Grove, CA, 2003)
2. American Psychiatric Association, *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV-TR)*, 4th ed, (Arlington, VA, 2000)
3. Jacobs, D.G., *The Harvard Medical School: Guide to Suicide Assessment and Intervention*, (San Francisco, CA, 1999)

In the treatment of clinical disorders, psychiatrists begin by looking for the root cause behind the behavior. Mainly, there are three causes of delusional thoughts. First, is a physical defect. For instance, an individual may be suffering from head trauma or a brain tumor. Second, delusional thoughts may be caused by drug or alcohol abuse. Third, the individual suffers from a true psychotic disorder. BPD's investigation to date has not confirmed Rivera suffered from a recent head injury, drug or alcohol abuse, or a psychotic disorder.

[redacted] agreed that the overall themes and specific language in this letter are consistent with someone who suffers from a delusional disorder or bipolar disorder. Delusional disorder is a psychotic disorder featuring a persistent belief contrary to reality.

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Criteria for delusional disorder includes the following:

1. Nonbizarre delusions for one month or longer
2. Functioning is not markedly impaired apart from delusions.
3. Any mood episodes which have occurred at the same time have been brief relative to the delusional periods.
4. The disturbance is not due to the direct physiological effects of a medical condition, medication, or abused drugs.

Persons with delusional disorder can be highly functional in many areas of their life. In this particular case, the mental illness suffered by the author of the letter may go virtually undetected by family, friends and coworkers.

Subtypes of delusional disorder include erotomanic, grandiose, jealous, persecutory, and somatic. The author of this letter most likely suffers from persecutory delusional disorder. This type of disorder involves believing oneself is being malevolently treated in some fashion.

Delusional disorders are relatively rare affecting 24-30 people out of every 100,000 in the general population. The onset of delusional disorder is relatively late with the average age of first admission into a psychiatric facility occurring between ages 40 and 49.

The writing in this letter is also consistent with someone who suffers from a bipolar disorder. This assumption is based on the flight of ideas that could have been written by someone experiencing an untreated manic episode. Persons suffering from a bipolar disorder often have serious medical problems, elevated mood, take part in risky behavior (includes reckless sex), and suffer from depression. Bipolar disorders typically, but not always, develop in the early to late teens and often go undetected for several years. Suicide accounts for up to 20 percent of deaths in severe bipolar illness. Approximately 90 percent of suicide victims have a psychiatric disturbance. Between 45-70 percent of such patients, depending on the study, may have been diagnosed with a mood disorder such as depression or bipolar illness.

The thinking in this letter is disorganized, and to a lesser extent, it is consistent with someone who suffers from schizophrenia. Features of schizophrenia include delusions, as well as, hallucinations, disorganized speech, grossly disorganized or catatonic behavior, neglected self-care, and persistence for at least six months. Between 10-15 percent of individuals with schizophrenia die from suicide.

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Based upon the above information, BAU believes that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Although the investigation to date has not  
determined Rivera suffered from a documented mental illness [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] These factors include the following:

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1. The letter was found on his desk.

2. The contents of the letter refer to [REDACTED]  
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BAU is unable to confirm the identity of the author of the letter without further analysis. A thorough psychological autopsy needs to be performed on Rivera to determine his mental state in the days prior to death.

BAU believes that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This opinion is based on the above mentioned factors.

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[REDACTED] Legitimate suicide notes are often written by the victim to explain the reason for their suicide. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] In addition, in one study, notes were left in only 25 percent of the suicides.

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### Investigative Suggestions

The below suggestions are provided to assist BPD in their investigation.

☐ BAU suggests [REDACTED] several meetings/interviews. [REDACTED] The purpose of these interviews is to develop additional leads [REDACTED] As mentioned by BPD, [REDACTED] These interviews should take place in a non-threatening environment. [REDACTED] In an effort to generate further leads, investigators should carefully review [REDACTED] Rivera's family members (brothers, sisters, parents) should also be re-interviewed regarding his health.

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☐ BAU recommends [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FBI Baltimore may be able to assist BPD [REDACTED]

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☐ BAU recommends determining [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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☐ BAU recommends requesting forensic testing [REDACTED]  
BAU understands that [REDACTED]  
during the investigation [REDACTED]

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[redacted] BPD should also determine [redacted]

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- BAU recommends requesting forensic analysis of the computer printer where the letter was found. [redacted]

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[redacted] FBI Baltimore's Computer Analysis Response Team can assist with the analysis of Rivera's computer. [redacted]

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- BAU offered to [redacted] It is recommended that BPD provide BAU with [redacted]

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- BAU recommends that BPD [redacted]

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Any questions or comments regarding this analysis may be directed to:

SSA [redacted]  
FBI Academy, Behavioral Analysis Unit  
Quantico, Virginia 22135

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Date: 05/30/2006

To: CIRG

Attn: MCS [redacted]  
National Center for the  
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From: Baltimore  
Squad 7

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Title: UNSUB;  
REY RIVERA - VICTIM;  
BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
05/24/06;  
NCAVC - SUSPICIOUS DEATH

Synopsis: Request by the Baltimore City Police Department,  
Homicide Unit for analytical assistance in the above captioned  
matter

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for CIRG in the original letter from the  
Baltimore City Police Department, copies of the police report,  
letter found at the victim's residence and the first page of a  
pleading filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Details: On May 24, 2006, a suspicious death was discovered at  
the Belvedere Hotel located at 1 East Chase Street in Baltimore  
City. Victim, Rey Rivera, was discovered on the floor of a  
vacant section of the hotel, after falling through the roof from  
the Fourteenth floor.

The body had been discovered after three friends of the  
victim undertook to search the area around the Belvedere Hotel,  
as his vehicle had been discovered in the parking lot a few days  
previously. While walking in the parking garage, they looked  
over a side wall and observed a pair of black flip-flops, a cell  
phone and eyeglasses lying on a lower roof. They also noticed a  
hole in the roof large enough for a full grown man to have passed  
through. Police were summoned and discovered the body in a  
vacant room under the damaged roof.

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Rivera had been reported missing by his wife on 05/17/06 at 1500 hours. He had departed from their home on the previous evening, at approximately 1700 hours, without explanation. A letter was recovered from his residence, a copy of which is enclosed with this communication.

Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] delivered the attached documents requesting that the NCAVC examine the letter to provide some possible meaning or connection it may have to this death. The original of Sergeant [REDACTED] letter is enclosed for NCAVC.

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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Will examine the attached letter and provide response  
to Baltimore City Police Department.

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